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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM YAOUNDE APRIL 19:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE YAOUNDE 1678

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SCUL, SHUM, SF

SUBJ: US POLICY ON SPORT CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 1677 (B) YAOUNDE 1679 (C) YAOUNDE 1567
(D) STATE 79931

1. SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA (SCSA)

RESPONSE OUR DEMARCH (REFTELS B, C AND D) AND APPROVAL FOR CU
BOXING CLINIC CONTAINED REFTTEL A. HERewith FOLLOWS TEXT OF
LETTER FROM SCSA SECTY GEN GANGA REQUESTING AMBASSADOR TO
TRANSMIT TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT CARTER (PARA 2) AND TEXT OF
TELEGRAM (PARA 3).

2. QUOTE WE KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO TRANSMIT THE ENCLOSED TELEGRAMME
MESSAGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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OF AMERICA. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE CONTENT OF THE
MESSAGE-- WE ARE COMMUNICATING, IS WELL UNDERSTOOD. END QUOTE

3. QUOTE THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA STRONGLY PROTEST
THE CURRENT TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA TENNIS TEAM TO USA. SINCE 1963
WE URGED FOR CHANGE ON APARTHEID SPORTING POLICY IN SOUTH AFRICA
MANY COUNTRIES USA INCLUDED REQUESTED US NOT TO CLOSE THE DOOR TO

SOUTH AFRICA SPORTSMEN TO ALLOW THEM TIME TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN POLICY. NOT UNTIL 1970 AFTER SOUTH AFRICA CUT OFF FROM PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS INTERNATIONALLY THE WORLD NOTICED CHANGE IN ATTITUDE. WE ARE CONVINCED THE WORLD TOTAL ISOLATION TO SOUTH AFRICA WILL BRING OVERDUE CHANGE IN SPORTS POLICY. MR. PRESIDENT AFRICA STRONGLY URGE YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DO YOUR BEST TO DISCOURAGE APARTHEID POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA AND USA SOUTHERN AFRICA SPORTS CONTACTS. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HIGHEST REGARDS. JEAN CLUDE GANGA, SECRETARY GENERAL SCSA. END QUOTE

4. COMMENT: IT OBVIOUS FROM WMBUA COMMENT AND GANGA LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL B THAT SCSA WOULD LIKE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF PRESENT IMPASSE. HOWEVER, WHILE SCSA MAY BE WILLING TO FIND COMPROMISE SOLUTION, THE REAL PROBLEM MAY BE WITH OAU TAKING STRONGER STAND ON BASIS POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. WHILE WE CONTINUE HAVE SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING WITH SCSA OFFICIALS, IT APPARENT THAT THEY ARE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE OAU AND OAU MEMBERS WHO WISH SEE SOUTH AFRICA PROGRESSIVELY ISOLATED. THEREFORE, BELIEVE THIS PROBLEM NOT CAPABLE OF SOLUTION WITH SCSA OFFICIALS IN YAOUNDE BUT REQUIRES COORDINATED AFRICA WIDE EFFORT, PARTICULARLY IN NEW YORK (UN DELEGATIONS), ADDIS (OAU), AND LAGOS (PRESIDENT ORDIA AND NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT).

5. IN MEANTIME, IF APPROPRIATE, SUGGEST WHITE HOUSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT GANGA TELEGRAM ASAP AS OPPORTUNITY OPEN CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON SUBJECT AND PERHAPS REFER TO OUR EFFORTS TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES BASED ON CONSENSUS TO COMBAT APARTHEID THROUGH CURRENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON DECLARATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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6. SINCE SCSA TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER, ANY LATERAL DISTRIBUTION THIS MESSAGE LEFT TO DISCRETION OF WASHINGTON. SPIRO UNQUOTE VANCE

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